



*Sunday, March 12, 2017*

*Worship 9:00am*

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# *Sunday, March 12, 2017*

*Second Sunday in Lent*

*ELW Holy Communion Setting Four*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*This confession provides extended silence for listening, pondering, and self-reflection. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

**P:** In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** God of heaven and earth,  
you come in close and make us yours.  
Equip us by your Spirit to confess our sin,  
embrace your forgiveness,  
and seek the way you set before us in your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** With honesty of heart, let us confess our sin.

*The assembly may kneel or stand.*

*An extended silence may be kept.*

Merciful God,

**C: forgive us.**

**Our will is handcuffed to sin, and we cannot break free.**

**We have spoken when we should have kept quiet.**

*Silence.*

**We were silent when we should have said something.**

*Silence.*

**We acted when we knew better.**

*Silence.*

**We were still when we know we should have moved.**

*Silence.*

**For the wrong we have done,  
for the good we have failed to do,  
have mercy on us,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

**P: People of God, look to the ✙ Son, given to heal you and set you free because God loved the world so much. Take hold of life— eternal life!**

**C: Amen.**

**GREETING**

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** And also with you.

**KYRIE****Page 147****PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**A:** Let us pray.

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

*The assembly is seated.*

**CHOIR** *At the Table of the Lord***FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-4a**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

<sup>4a</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

**L:** Word of God, word of life.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**PSALM: Psalm 121**

**A:** <sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes | to the hills;  
from where is my | help to come?

**C:** <sup>2</sup>**My help comes | from the LORD,**  
**the maker of heav- | en and earth.**

**A:** <sup>3</sup>The LORD will not let your | foot be moved  
nor will the one who watches over you | fall asleep.

**C:** <sup>4</sup>**Behold, the keep- | er of Israel**  
**will neither slum- | ber nor sleep; R**

**A:** <sup>5</sup>the LORD watches | over you;  
the LORD is your shade at | your right hand;

**C:** <sup>6</sup>**the sun will not strike | you by day,**  
**nor the | moon by night.**

**A:** <sup>7</sup>The LORD will preserve you | from all evil  
and will | keep your life.

**C:** <sup>8</sup>**The LORD will watch over your going out and your | coming  
in, from this time forth for- | evermore. R**

## **SECOND READING: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17**

<sup>1</sup>What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” <sup>4</sup>Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. <sup>5</sup>But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

<sup>13</sup>For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

<sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

**L:** Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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## **GOSPEL: John 3:1-17**

**P:** The holy gospel according to John.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must

be born from above.’<sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

<sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?”<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?”

<sup>11</sup>“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony.<sup>12</sup> If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?<sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.<sup>14</sup> And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,<sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

**P:** The gospel of the Lord.

**C:** Praise to you, O Christ.

*The assembly is seated.*

## CHILDREN'S TIME

## SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *How Firm a Foundation*

**ELW 796**

## APOSTLES' CREED

**A:** With the whole church let us confess our faith

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**A:** Lifting our voices and turning toward God, let us pray for the church, the earth, and all who are in need. (*A brief silence.*)  
God of Abraham and Sarah, God of all earth's families, bless your church to be a blessing and bestow your grace to a hurting world.

**A:** Hear us, O God.

**C:** **Your mercy is great.**

**A:** ...Into your hands, merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast love; through Christ our Lord.

**C:** **Amen.**

## PEACE

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C:** **And also with you.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## EKLC MISSION MINUTE

### OFFERING

**OFFERTORY** *Create in Me a Clean Heart*

**ELW 186**

### OFFERING PRAYER

**A:** Let us pray. Merciful God,  
receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving  
and the offering of our lives,  
that following in the way of the cross,  
we may know the joy of the resurrection;  
through Christ our Lord.

**C:** **Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

### DIALOGUE

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C:** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE****LORD'S PRAYER**

**P:** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION****LAMB OF GOD****Page 154****SHARING COMMUNION AROUND THE ALTAR**

*Welcome to the Lord's Table! All baptized Christians who believe the words "This is my body given for you, shed for you, for the forgiveness of sins" are welcome to come forward to receive this gift of grace. Please wait for ushers to direct you to the front of the sanctuary. You may kneel at the railing or stand. Take the bread and eat. Take the cup (wine is purple, grape juice is yellow) and drink. Keep the cup and place in bowl the provided through the side exit as you leave the altar and walk back to your pew. If you are unable to come forward and would like to receive communion, let the ushers know and we will bring communion to you. If you prefer not to receive communion but would like to receive a blessing, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest. May these gifts keep you in eternal life.*

**COMMUNION HYMN** *Come, Thou Almighty King* **ELW 408**

**COMMUNION HYMN** *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* **ELW 324**

**COMMUNION BLESSING****PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**A:** Let us pray. Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice, our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

**P:** May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you ✝ peace.

**C:** Amen.

**SENDING SONG** *We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus*

**ELW 451**

## **DISMISSAL**

**A:** Marked with the cross of Christ,  
go forth to love and serve the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## *~Worship Leaders~*

**Presider** ~ Rev. Brenda Lovick, Pastor  
**Assisting Minister** ~ Karen Hayes **Lector** ~ Beverly Lien  
**Acolyte** ~ Isaiah Long & Ilsa Lund  
**Greeter** ~ Ruth Bovre **Ushers** ~ Scott & Jackie Zahn  
**Communion Set-up/Take-down** ~ Light Circle  
**Communion Assistants** ~ Franklin & Beverly Lien  
**Musician** ~ Judy Rusch **Choir Director** ~ Vicki Schuh  
**Offering Counters** ~ Arvid Mathison & Gloria Fruit  
**Nursery** ~ Sonja & Jenna Christensen  
**Audio Ministry** ~ Karen Hayes **Coffee Hour** ~ Music  
**Church Lock-up** ~ Judy Rusch

## **Sermon Series**

**March 8 - April 5**

*With Awe and Love*

A Midweek Service Based on Luther's Small Catechism

**Wednesday, March 15: Creed**

**Wednesday, March 22: Lord's Prayer**

**Wednesday, March 29: Baptism**

**Wednesday, April 5: Holy Communion**

## *Attendance Report:*

**Sunday, March 5, 2017 : 94**

**Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017**

**12 Noon: 12**

**7:00pm: 47**

**Sunday, February 26, 2017: 79**

**Sunday, February 19, 2017: 83**

**Sunday, February 12, 2017: 107**

## ~Prayers~

Please note: If you have a prayer request for the bulletin, please make note on your communion/welcome card. You may also notify the office before noon on Wednesday. Prayer requests will remain for 3 weeks unless otherwise requested. **If you wish a person to remain on the prayer list longer than 3 weeks please make note weekly on your prayer card or contact the church office.** Thank you.

\*Denotes new/changed request.

### **Thanksgiving to God for...**

East Koshkonong Lutheran Church's mission and ministry, especially this week (see calendar)

-Prayers for the ministries of Lindsay Stolen.

### **God's guidance and direction for those with healing and health concerns...**

-Christy Anderson      -Esther Walheim      -Ryan Redford  
-Sharon Chapman      -Roger Jacobson      -Alma Houfe\*  
-Lauren, Matt & Chase Mancheski\*

### **God's protection & safety for people of the world.**

-For global refugee crisis.  
-For the peace among all the nations of the world.

### **God's protection and safety for those being deployed...**

-Please remember all our veterans, and those on active duty: Matt Kaare. Give them all God's comfort in their memories of war and their service to their country. (Please let office know if you have a family member on active duty that is not included in these prayers so they can be added.)

## *~Calendar of Events~*

### **Sunday, March 12, 2017**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS & SET YOUR CLOCKS:  
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS, SPRING AHEAD!**

- 8:00am Choir Practice
- 9:00am Worship
- 10:00am Coffee hour hosted by Music
- 10:15am Sunday School/ Confirmation
- 10:15am Education Committee Meeting

### **Monday, March 13, 2017**

Pastor's day off

### **Tuesday, March 14, 2017**

- 9:00am Peace Circle meets in Ladies Lounge. Jane Furseth Host
- 9:30am Prayers for Our People
- 10:00am Staff Meeting
- 10am-12pm Pastor's Office Hours
- 2pm-4pm Pastor's Office Hours

### **Wednesday, March 15, 2017**

- 10:45am Galatians Bible Study
- 12:00pm Lenten Worship Service
- 6:00pm Confirmation
- 6:00pm Lenten Supper
- 7:00pm Lenten Worship Service
- 7:30pm CONNECT Team Meeting

### **Thursday, March 16, 2017**

- 9:00am Pastor Text Study
- 10:30am Pastor Meeting at Grace Lutheran
- 11:30am Clergy Conference Meeting

### **Sunday, March 19, 2017**

**Newsletter Deadline**

- 9:00am Worship
- 10:00am Coffee hour
- 10:15am Sunday School/Confirmation

## ~Welcome Visitors!~

*Visitors, welcome! We are glad to share Christian worship and fellowship with you. Please ask our ushers for a packet of info about East Koshkonong. To participate in worship, please follow the order of worship in the bulletin. Page numbers are in the front of the ELW cranberry hymnal, and hymn numbers are in the back of the hymnal. You are always welcome at the table of Holy Communion where Christ is our host, inviting all of us to "come and eat." Please fill out a communion card, and hand it to an usher as you come forward for communion. Prayer requests, comments, or questions may be written on the back of the communion card. We hope to see you again soon at EKLC.*

## ~Announcements~

**Are you a Thrivent member?** Don't forget about Thrivent Action Teams! Contact your Thrivent Representative about using your Thrivent Action Team dollars.

**Wednesday Midweek Lent Services March 8 - April 5.** *With Awe and Love* : Based on Luther's Small Catechism. Services offered at 12 noon and 7:00 p.m. each Wednesday. Potluck Supper at 6:00pm. Please bring your family and a dish to pass.

**Bible Study on Galatians continues.** We are meeting weekly on Wednesdays at 10:45 a.m. for one hour. All are welcome.

**125th Anniversary** The planning is underway for our observation of the 125th anniversary of the Upper Church. If you are interested in helping plan this event, please sign-up on the sheet provided in the Narthex.

**40 Days of Giving** is a Lenten mission where we will collect monetary gifts and non perishable food for five local food pantries: Cambridge, Deerfield, Edgerton, Fort Atkinson & Stoughton. We collect donations now thru Easter Sunday, April 16th. Envelopes are available in the narthex. Please make checks out to EKLC. To assist the offering counters please put your name on the envelope.